

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING
LOK SABHA**

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CARGO TRAFFIC HANDLING
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cargo traffic at the major ports in the country has increased manifold during the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details of the cargo handling during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to further increase the cargo handling at the ports?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING(SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) & (b): There has been a steady increase in the Cargo Traffic handled at the Major Ports as is evident from the Cargo Traffic handled by Major Ports during the last 3 years as given below:-

Year	Million Tonnes	
1999-2000	271.92	
2000-01		281.10
2001-02	287.57	

(c): Efforts are made on a continuous basis to increase cargo traffic handling at Major Ports and these include upgradation of existing facilities, construction of new berths, improvement in productivity, emphasis on more efficient services to port users, establishment of Electronic Data Interchange, setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System, labour training and welfare, corporatisation of Major Ports and increased role of Private Sector.